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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AMERICAN SITUATION

REF: GUATEMALA 4407

1. PAN AM CALLED DEPT. SEPT. 11 TO BRING PROBLEM OF PARTIAL REJECTION SEPT. 6 SCHEDULE TO OUR ATTENTION, EXPRESSING PARTICULAR CONCERN OVER REJECTION OF NEW ORLEANS-GUATEMALA FLIGHTS ON THOSE DAYS WHEN THEY COMPETE WITH AVIATECA.

2. IT SEEMED TO DEPT. THAT PAN AM HAS NOT YET EXHAUSTED POSSIBILITY OF HAVING REPORTED DECISION MODIFIED. WE ACCORDINGLY SUGGESTED THAT GEORGE BROWN MIGHT WISH CONTACT MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS WHO IS REPORTEDLY IN SEATTLE WASHINGTON SINCE HE EARLIER DISCUSSED SCHEDULES WITH HIM.

3. DEPT. POINTED OUT TO PAN AM THAT USG, IN THIS CASE DOES NOT HAVE THE LEVERAGE WHICH A BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT PROVIDES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, AND REMINDED THEM THAT IN CONTEXT ITS OPERATIONS IN GUATEMALA TWO NEW ORLEANS-GUATEMALA FLIGHTS WERE RELATIVELY MINOR. WE URGED PAN AM TO REVIEW SCHEDULES TO DETERMINE IF SOME
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ADJUSTMENT POSSIBLE.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE ENCOURAGE PAN AM USE SUCH LOCAL
LEVERAGE AS IT HAS WITH HIGHER OFFICIALS. SHOULD SUITABLE
OCCASION ARISE EMBASSY MAY EXPRESS HOPE TO GOG THAT A

PRACTICAL SOLUTION EQUITABLE TO ALL PARTIES CAN BE WORKED
OUT. ACTION SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED BY WILSON WHICH WOULD
DEFER IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOG ORDER TO PROVIDE
TIME FOR STUDY OF POSSIBILITY SOME MODIFICATION IN PAN AM'S
SCHEDULE TO REDUCE COMPETITION WITH AVIATECA SHOULD BE
ENCOURAGED. RUSH

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